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SPRINGFIELD, IL -- The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **September Crop Production Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

ILLINOIS

Based on conditions as of September 1, the 2012 Illinois **corn** crop is expected to yield 110 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from the August forecast. Ears per acre, at 24,000, is down significantly from recent years. This is the lowest ear count since the 1990's. Production of corn for grain would be 1.39 billion bushels, 29 percent less than was produced in 2011. As of August 27, 91 percent of the crop was denting with 44 percent mature and 6 percent harvested. Corn condition was rated 4 percent good, 18 percent fair, 35 percent poor, and 43 percent very poor.

Soybean production in Illinois is forecast at 309 million bushels, the same as in August. Yield is expected to be 37 bushels per acre. Condition of the soybean crop as of August 27 was rated 11 percent good, 38 percent fair, 26 percent poor and 25 percent very poor. Soybeans turning yellow, as of August 27, were at 20 percent, compared to 7 percent in 2011.

UNITED STATES

Corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the August forecast and down 13 percent from 2011. This represents the lowest production in the United States since 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 122.8 bushels per acre, down 0.6 bushel from the August forecast and 24.4 bushels below the 2011 average. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.4 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 4 percent from 2011.

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Soybean production is forecast at 2.63 billion bushels, down 2 percent from August and down 14 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 35.3 bushels per acre, down 0.8 bushel from last month and down 6.2 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are lower or unchanged across the Great Plains and most of the Corn Belt as lingering drought conditions continued to hamper yield expectations. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 74.6 million acres, unchanged from August but up 1 percent from last year.

CORN, 2011 - September 1, 2012

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	2,180	2,180	2,145	2,130	173.3	139	371,716	296,126
Northeast	1,206	1,280	1,190	1,250	173.6	134	206,601	167,531
West	1,230	1,290	1,213	1,260	154.8	129	187,717	162,570
Central	1,743	1,720	1,730	1,690	167.7	120	290,174	202,838
East	1,763	1,760	1,748	1,730	154.2	101	269,497	174,763
West Southwest	1,787	1,770	1,761	1,730	148.4	95	261,389	164,381
East Southeast	1,571	1,730	1,550	1,680	145.5	90	225,564	151,228
Southwest	523	620	496	550	121.0	63	59,992	34,657
Southeast	597	650	567	580	130.8	55	74,150	31,906
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SOYBEANS, 2011 - September 1, 2012

District	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	20101	2012
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	807	840	803	835	57.6	49	46,277	40,915
Northeast	641	620	639	615	55.1	46	35,187	28,290
West	813	730	811	720	50.8	43	41,169	30,960
Central	1,106	1,110	1,104	1,090	54.2	43	59,795	46,830
East	1,267	1,240	1,264	1,235	47.9	40	60,543	49,400
West Southwest	1,162	1,160	1,157	1,140	45.3	28	52,452	31,920
East Southeast	1,551	1,380	1,547	1,310	43.3	31	66,942	40,610
Southwest	797	800	790	720	34.1	28	26,909	20,160
Southeast	756	720	745	685	36.4	29	27,146	19,865
ILLINOIS	8,900	8,600	8,860	8,350	47.0	37	416,420	308,950

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